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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Michael J Simitoski

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 January 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 9, 13-19, 23, 27 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8, 10-12, 20-22 and 24-26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


NORMAN M. WRIGHT
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The IDS of 10/04/2001 was received and considered.
2. Claims 1-28 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 1-5 & 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,009,372 to Baker et al. (Baker) in view of U.S. Patent 5,398,285 to Borgelt et al. (Borgelt) in further view of U.S. Patent 6,488,585 to Wells et al. (Wells).

Regarding claims 1, 3 & 5, Baker discloses downloading a portion of software information/data from a service/recalibration tool/support equipment into an embedded system (col. 2, line 63–col. 3, line 8 & col. 10, lines 28-45). Baker lacks obtaining a hardware and software identification code, creating a password as a function of the codes and downloading a password-protected software based on said password. However, Borgelt teaches that obtaining the hardware ID of a device and an embedded software code representing requested software and combining them into a password (col. 3, lines 53-58 & col. 4, lines 5-27) allows the authorization of only those software programs legitimately purchased by a customer (col. 1, lines 40-46 & col. 5, lines 61-65). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to obtain a hardware identification code, obtain a software

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identification code relating to at least a portion of software information to be downloaded and create a password as a function of the HWID and SWID and password-protect the software. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to authorize the use of only those software programs legitimately purchased by a customer, as taught by Borgelt (col. 1, lines 40-46 & col. 5, lines 61-65). As modified, Baker lacks using the authentication, as taught by Borgelt, to download the authorized software based on said password. However, Wells teaches that it is useful to identify a device or its components to guard against inadvertent or intentional modifications (col. 12, lines 28-33) using a system identifier associated with the embedded system/gaming device (col. 11, lines 1-6). Wells teaches that a service/recalibration tool (such as a mobile laptop) can be connected to an embedded system/device to receive a software update (such as a gaming machine) (col. 11, lines 7-10). The laptop can access the gaming devices identifications to determine if it is authorized for a software update (for many reasons, including warranty) (col. 11, lines 1-47). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the password to enable downloading of the software information. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to identify a device or its components to guard against inadvertent or intentional modifications, possibly to avoid updating software on a machine whose warranty has run out, as taught by Wells (col. 11, lines 1-47 & col. 12, lines 28-33).

Regarding claims 2, 4 & 14, Baker, as modified above, lacks a set of downloading instructions within the service/recalibration tool/support equipment that verifies the validity of the password and downloading the information into the embedded system is validity is

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confirmed. However, Borgelt teaches that receiving a password and validating (col. 4, line 66--col. 5, line 13) it allows the authorization of only those software programs legitimately purchased by a customer (col. 1, lines 40-46 & col. 5, lines 61-65). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide software downloading instructions resident within the service/recalibration tool/support equipment with the password and download the password-protected portion of the software information from the recalibration tool into the embedded system only if the downloading software validates the password. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to authorize the use of only those software programs legitimately purchased by a customer, as taught by Borgelt (col. 1, lines 40-46 & col. 5, lines 61-65).

Regarding claim 13, Baker, as modified above, discloses providing the HWID and SWID to a provider of said software/system controller to create the password (Borgelt, col. 4, lines 5-27), but lacks a service technician obtaining and providing the HWID and SWID. However, Wells teaches that it is possible to store HWID-SWID/characteristic-indicating information in human-readable form (requiring the action of a human) (Wells, col. 13, lines 15-21). Further, Borgelt teaches that the password can be entered into the device by a customer or field technician (Borgelt, col. 5, lines 47-54). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to perform the steps of obtaining and providing by a software transfer technician. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification as suggested by Borgelt (col. 5, lines 47-54) and Wells (col. 13, lines 15-21).

Regarding claim 15, Baker discloses an internal combustion engine (Fig. 1).

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5. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baker, Borgelt and Wells, as applied to claim 1 above, in further view of U.S. Patent 6,173,402 to Chapman. Baker discloses a system, as modified above, but lacks accessing a memory unit of the service/recalibration tool and downloading from the memory unit an identifier associated with the service/recalibration tool. However, Chapman teaches a technique by which stored information can be protected even in the presence of keystroke monitoring (col. 4, lines 25-40) and allows access to a data storage medium only from an authorized computer (col. 8, lines 58-64). Chapman's method includes combining a user-entered password with a second value that is unique and local to the user's computer so the software can only be accessed on the user's computer and accessed by the user (col. 5, lines 1-15). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to access the memory unit of the service/recalibration tool and download from the memory unit an identifier associated with the service/recalibration tool. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to allow access to data only from an authorized computer, by an authorized user, as taught by Chapman (col. 4, lines 25-40, col. 5, lines 1-15 & col. 8, lines 58-64).

6. Claims 16-19 & 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wells in view of Borgelt.

Regarding claims 16, 18 & 27, Wells discloses providing a first identifier relating to software transferring hardware/gaming terminal (col. 11, lines 1-44). Wells lacks providing a

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second identifier relating to software information to be downloaded into an embedded system to a provider of said software information, said software provider creating a password as a function of said first and second identifiers, and downloading a password protected portion of said software information into said embedded system based on said password. However, Borgelt teaches that obtaining the hardware ID/first identifier of a device and an embedded software code/second identifier representing requested software and combining them into a password, at a software provider/system controller, (col. 3, lines 53-58 & col. 4, lines 5-27) allows the authorization of only those software programs legitimately purchased by a customer (col. 1, lines 40-46 & col. 5, lines 61-65). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a software identification code relating to at least a portion of software information to be downloaded to a software provider/system controller and create a password as a function of the first and second identifiers and download a password protected portion of said software information into said embedded system/gaming terminal based on said password. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to authorize the use of only those software programs legitimately purchased by a customer, as taught by Borgelt (col. 1, lines 40-46 & col. 5, lines 61-65).

Regarding claims 17 & 19, Wells, as modified above, lacks a set of downloading instructions within the service/recalibration tool/support equipment that verifies the validity of the password and downloading the information into the embedded system is validity is confirmed. However, Borgelt teaches that receiving a password and validating (col. 4, line 66–col. 5, line 13) it allows the authorization of only those software programs legitimately purchased by a customer (col. 1, lines 40-46 & col. 5, lines 61-65). The password can be directly

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communicated or given to a field technician (col. 5, lines 46-54). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to obtain the password from the software provider/system controller and to provide software downloading instructions resident within the service/recalibration tool/support equipment with the password and download the password-protected portion of the software information from the recalibration tool into the embedded system only if the downloading software validates the password. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to authorize the use of only those software programs legitimately purchased by a customer, as taught by Borgelt (col. 1, lines 40-46 & col. 5, lines 61-65).

7. Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wells in view of Borgelt, as applied to claim 16 above, in further view of Chapman. Wells discloses a system, as modified above, but lacks accessing a memory unit of the service/recalibration tool and downloading from the memory unit an identifier associated with the service/recalibration tool. However, Chapman teaches a technique by which stored information can be protected even in the presence of keystroke monitoring (col. 4, lines 25-40) and allows access to a data storage medium only from an authorized computer (col. 8, lines 58-64). Chapman's method includes combining a user-entered password with a second value that is unique and local to the user's computer so the software can only be accessed on the user's computer and accessed by the user (col. 5, lines 1-15). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to access the memory unit of the service/recalibration tool and download from the memory unit an identifier associated with the service/recalibration tool.

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One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to allow access to data only from an authorized computer, by an authorized user, as taught by Chapman (col. 4, lines 25-40, col. 5, lines 1-15 & col. 8, lines 58-64).

8. Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wells in view of Borgelt, as applied to claim 16 above, in further view of Baker. Wells, as modified above, lacks the embedded system being a control computer associated with a vehicle carrying an internal combustion engine. However, Baker teaches that it is occasionally desired to change information loaded in the nonvolatile memory of a control system of a vehicle carrying an internal combustion engine (col. 1, lines 5-45). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Well's invention (delivering/replacing software in an embedded system) with a vehicle carrying an internal combustion engine. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification because it is desirable to change information in the control system of vehicle, as taught by Baker (col. 1, lines 5-45).

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 6, 10, 20 & 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 7-8, 11-12, 21-22 & 25-26 are objected to based on their dependence on claims 6, 10, 20 & 24.

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Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- a. The '646 reference is cited for teaching restricting access to storage mediums based on a code.
- b. The '842, '497, '102, '836 & '553 references are cited for teaching programming of a device by another device (initialization and upgrading software).
- c. The '471 & '651 references are cited for teaching the limited distribution of software and targeting files to a specific device, respectively.
- d. The '253 reference is cited for teaching the need to keep track of the number of copies of a distributed data.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Simitoski whose telephone number is (703)305-8191.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 6:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays from 6:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

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